

Railway Accidents

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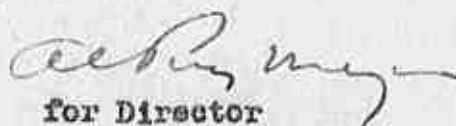
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6 September 1945

SUBJECT : Warning - Freight Car Injuries.

TO : Italian State Railways  
Movements Division, Rail Section ✓

1. There have recently been cases of persons travelling in freight cars who have injured their legs through sitting on the floors of vehicles with legs dangling over sides.
2. Please arrange for all concerned to be advised that this dangerous practice must cease forthwith.

  
for Director

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION (RAIL)  
ROME DIVISION

14 June 1945

Ref. Tso/RD/4

SUBJECT: Rail Collision

TO : Col. Thomas, Deputy Director,  
AG Transportation Sub-Commission

Last night at 21:20 hours, a collision of trains 5641 & 5646 took place between Baschi and Castiglione, exactly between 114 and 115 kilometers.

There are about 150 people killed and injured, mostly Italian military and 4 Englishmen travelling on 5646 train and heavy damages to the engines, rolling stock, and material. Moreover 3 wagons loaded with gasoline drums caught on fire.

The causes of the accident are due to the fact that trains 5646 and 5641 were supposed to have normal meeting at Attigliano station and this meeting was changed to Baschi, it seems, without any notice to train 5641 which had made normal stop in said station.

When 5641 arrived at Baschi, the Station Master did not withdraw the train order and made gesture with his hand to proceed, in order to get the train's rear end off the entrance points.

The engine-driver who had not been notified about the meeting, interpreted such a gesture as a signal to proceed and left, causing collision with 5646 train coming in the opposite direction.

The tool wagon, officials of various services, and a railway surgeon are on the spot. All traffic is stopped. Trans-shipment of passengers from train 3401 on 8 empties which arrived there with the tool wagon will be provided for.

This line will be blocked for approximately two days.

/sgd/ S.O. HALL, Capt. T.C.,  
A.C. Rail T.N. Officer,  
Rome Div.

Line cleared  
1200 hrs 15 June 45

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